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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 953 (Brown)

SB 953 would authorize the state treasurer to invest up to \$25 million in state surplus funds in certificates of deposits and other instruments of financial institutions for the purpose of providing loans to eligible farmers for the construction and operation of agricultural ethanol plants, methane digesters, and other agricultural energy production systems.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 953 [RC 736: 24 yes, 13 no].

THIRD READING

SB 144 (Birkholz)

SB 144 require the board of a school district, local act school district, or intermediate school district, or the board of directors of a public school academy, to ensure that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was offered each school day to students in the public schools the board operated.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- SB 144 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 231 (Hammerstrom)

SB 1344 (Hammerstrom)

SB 231 would prohibit a minor placed in a child care institution from being placed or kept in seclusion.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 231 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1344 would: 1) prohibit the use of mechanical and chemical restraint by child care institutions; but 2) allow the use of personal restraint and seclusion to ensure the safety of a minor or others in an emergency situation.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was defeated.
- Hammerstrom 2 (S-3) was adopted.
- SB 1344 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 978 (Brown)

SB 978 would allow local taxing units to continue to receive a small fee for processing tax bills.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 978 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1149 (Garcia)

SB 1149 would create the "Armed Forces Commemoration Act" to recognize the men and women who served in the United States armed forces, specifically the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Marines, the U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The flags of each branch would have to be flown over the State Capitol building in Lansing on the date of each branch's founding.

- SB 1149 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

SB 1181 (Birkholz)

SB 1181 would provide that each submerged log removal permit would expire on January 1, 2013. The bill also would require an applicant to notify the Department of Environmental Quality of the date on which the Federal government issued its approval for the permit. Currently, the Department may not issue a permit to remove submerged logs from Great Lakes bottomlands if the permit would be effective beyond December 31, 2006. Also, the term of a permit may not be more than five years. The bill would delete those provisions.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 1181 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1329 (Allen)

SB 1329 would allow the operation of a snowmobile on the right-of-way of a limited access highway if 1) the right-of-way were a snowmobile trail designated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in its comprehensive plan for a statewide recreational and snowmobile trails system; and 2) the right-of-way were approved by both the DNR and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). A snowmobile could be operated on the right-of-way only in the manner provided in the trails system plan and within the width of the designated trail. Currently, snowmobiles may be operated on the right-of-way of a public highway that is not a limited access highway.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 1329 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1366 (Cropsey)

SB 1366 would remove the requirement that a person qualified for admission to the State Bar be a resident of one of the states or territories or the District of Columbia.

- SB 1366 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

SB 1432 (Patterson)

SB 1432 would allow two or more municipalities to establish a watershed alliance for the purpose of studying problems and planning and implementing activities designed to address surface water quality or water flow issues of mutual concern.

- SB 1366 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

SB 1440 (Bishop)

SB 1441 (BERNERO)

SB 1442 (SCHAUER)

SB 1444 (Cropsey)

SB 1440 would require the family division of circuit court (family court) to conduct an initial foster care review hearing within 182 days after removal of a child from his or her home, rather than within 91 days after entry of a court order regarding the child's foster care placement, in a case involving neglect or abandonment.

- Committee 1 (3 amends) was defeated.
- Cropsey 2 (S-1) was adopted.
- Cropsey 2A (5 amends) was adopted.
- SB 1440 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1441 would require the family division of circuit court (family court) to conduct a review hearing at least every 182 days for a child remaining in foster care beyond the first year following the termination of parental rights to the child. The bill also would require the family court to conduct a permanency planning hearing within 12 months after a child was removed from his or her home, and once every 12 months after that.

- Committee 1 was defeated.
- Cropsey 2 (S-1) was adopted.
- Cropsey 2A was adopted.
- Cropsey 2B was adopted.
- SB 1441 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1442 would require the family division of circuit court (family court) to conduct a permanency planning hearing within 12 months after a child was removed from his or her home, for a child who remained in foster care and for whom parental rights had not been terminated. The bill also would revise the time frame for the family court to hold a permanency planning hearing in abuse cases.

- Committee 1 was defeated.
- Cropsey 2 was adopted.
- SB 1442 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 1444 is part of a package which amends the Probate Code regarding foster children. Republicans contend that the foster package is needed to comply with Federal requirements.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated.
- Cropsey 2 was adopted.
- SB 1444 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4458 (Rocca)

HB 4458 would permit alcoholic liquor sold by off-premise retailers to be sold at a price equal to or greater than the minimum retail selling price fixed by the Liquor Control Commission.

Support: Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers, Associated Food Dealers of Michigan, Michigan Retailers Association, Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, Michigan Grocers Association.

- HB 4458 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.